

## House Resolution 261

By: Representatives Cooper of the 41<sup>st</sup>, Peake of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 131<sup>st</sup>, Coan of the 101<sup>st</sup>, and Carter of the 159<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the Partnership for Health and Accountability; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability was established in January, 2000,  
3 in an effort to bring together hospitals, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, pharmaceutical  
4 manufacturers, the business community, policy leaders, and consumers to share data,  
5 resources, and expertise to ensure quality care and patient safety; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Partnership for Health and Accountability is recognized nationally for its  
7 leadership in improving quality of care and patient safety and has been the model for other  
8 states; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the Partnership provides a forum of discussion and advocacy for data-driven  
10 public policy that promotes the use of clinical evidence based best practices, coordination of  
11 care, expansion of health care coverage, and access to health services; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the four major components used by the Partnership to support its goals are  
13 community involvement, data analysis, reports, and a continuous improvement framework;  
14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, as one preventable patient error is one too many, consumers, providers, and the  
16 community must work together and be responsible for making improvements in health care;  
17 and
- 18 WHEREAS, this year, in honoring its ongoing commitment to equip consumers with  
19 valuable quality and pricing information on Georgia hospitals, PHA introduced the landmark  
20 Georgia Hospital Price Check and Hospital Quality websites; and

1 WHEREAS, the websites are the first of their kind in Georgia and aim to be the leading  
2 source of hospital consumer information in the state, empowering patients and their families  
3 to take a more active role in their health care decisions; and

4 WHEREAS, Athens Regional Medical Center of Athens, Emory Healthcare of Atlanta,  
5 Grady Memorial Health System of Atlanta, Gwinnett Health System of Lawrenceville,  
6 Habersham County Medical of Demorest, Kindred Hospital of Atlanta, Louis Smith  
7 Memorial Hospital of Lakeland, Medical Center of Central Georgia of Macon, Monroe  
8 County Hospital of Forsyth, Piedmont Fayette Hospital of Fayetteville, Redmond Regional  
9 Medical Center of Rome, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute of Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's  
10 Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, and St. Joseph's Candler of Savannah  
11 have received awards for their outstanding leadership and innovation in quality care and  
12 patient safety.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
14 the members of this body commend the Partnership for Health and Accountability and  
15 Athens Regional Medical Center of Athens, Emory Healthcare of Atlanta, Grady Memorial  
16 Health System of Atlanta, Gwinnett Health System of Lawrenceville, Habersham County  
17 Medical of Demorest, Kindred Hospital of Atlanta, Louis Smith Memorial Hospital of  
18 Lakeland, Medical Center of Central Georgia of Macon, Monroe County Hospital of Forsyth,  
19 Piedmont Fayette Hospital of Fayetteville, Redmond Regional Medical Center of Rome,  
20 Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute of Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, St.  
21 Francis Hospital of Columbus, and St. Joseph's Candler of Savannah for the exceptional  
22 advances they have made in quality of care and patient safety.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
24 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Partnership for Health  
25 and Accountability and Athens Regional Medical Center of Athens, Emory Healthcare of  
26 Atlanta, Grady Memorial Health System of Atlanta, Gwinnett Health System of  
27 Lawrenceville, Habersham County Medical of Demorest, Kindred Hospital of Atlanta, Louis  
28 Smith Memorial Hospital of Lakeland, Medical Center of Central Georgia of Macon, Monroe  
29 County Hospital of Forsyth, Piedmont Fayette Hospital of Fayetteville, Redmond Regional  
30 Medical Center of Rome, Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute of Warm Springs, Saint Joseph's  
31 Hospital of Atlanta, St. Francis Hospital of Columbus, and St. Joseph's Candler of Savannah.